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Purpose

Field office biologists work with landowners, private and community organizations, industry and other government agencies to conserve, protect and enhance fish and wildlife resources and their habitats in New Jersey. Their work is guided by the following laws and legislative authorities:

Clean Water Act

Endangered Species Act

Federal Power Act

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act

Food Security Act

Migratory Bird Treaty Act

National Environmental Policy Act

Emergency Wetlands Resources Act

Oil Pollution Act

Superfund (CERCLA)

Water Resources Development Act

Management Activities

- Conduct recovery and consultation for species protected by the Endangered Species Act; monitor, conserve and list candidate species
- Provide review and technical assistance for federal activities
- Conserve, protect and enhance federal trust species and their habitats
- Respond to oil spills
- Work with landowners and government agencies to identify, restore and improve riparian, wetland and coastal habitats
- Encourage involvement by citizens, industry and local governments in fish and wildlife conservation
- Assess contaminant effects on Service trust resources and seek compensation for damages

- Participate in the Hackensack Meadowlands Initiative
- Conduct outreach and environmental education



Berry's Creek

Gene Nieminen/USFWS

Highlights

New Jersey's bald eagle population continues to increase.

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program has helped restore and protect 10,500 acres of habitat and created more than 79 miles of fish passage.

Staff and teachers partner to implement the Nature of Learning program.

The Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Program will restore and rehabilitate habitat and investigate contaminant effects on wildlife.

Issues

Protection and restoration of the Hackensack Meadowlands ecosystem has gained congressional support.

Administrative and other constraints in participating in the state-assumed permitting program (Section 404) has weakened the protection of federally listed species.

A higher state classification is needed to protect all waters within the acquisition boundaries of the New Jersey national wildlife refuges.

Development, especially urban sprawl, continues to pressure federally listed species and

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